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Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
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Dear Governor Huntsman,

Thank you! I thank you and the citizens of Louisiana thank you and the members of your Guard for the extraordinary response to the largest natural disaster this nation has ever experienced.

As the stories are all sorted out, and truth prevails over fiction, the National Guard response will stand tall. As part of our first responders, thousands of soldiers and airmen of the Guard were at work saving lives, feeding and evacuating people, and creating a strong law and order presence. They worked side by side with our state and local law enforcement officers, firefighters, wildlife and fisheries agents, the Coast Guard, emergency medical personnel, and ordinary citizen rescuers.

We received outstanding people from Utah. Our citizens love them and respect them all. We recognize that they left families and jobs behind to come to our assistance and we deeply appreciate their sacrifices.

On behalf of a grateful state, I thank you for being there in our time of need. We deeply appreciate the service you are giving to Louisiana and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor
